

# Christmas Pageant 2009

Walk in following John and everyone sing:



1. Prepare the ro - yal high - way, the king of kings is near!
2. His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the king of glo - ry fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind-ness so a - bound-ing:



Ho-san - na to the Lord, for he ful-fills God's Word!  
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The company sits as a soloist sings verses 1–3, then all join on verse 4:



4. Of her, Em-man - u-el, the Christ, was born In Beth - le-hem



all on a Christ - mas morn, And Chris-tian folk through-out the world



will ev - er say:—"Most highly fa-vored la-dy," Glo\_\_\_\_\_ ri-a!

Luke says: "We should always remember that God chose to announce Jesus' birth to humble shepherds first."

Then Everyone stand and sing all three verses:

1. A-way in a man-ger no crib for his bed,  
2. The cat-tle are low-ing; the poor ba-by wakes,  
3. Be near me Lord Je-sus, I ask you to stay

5  
The lit-tle Lord Je-sus laid down his sweet head;  
But lit-tle Lord Je-sus no cry-ing he makes.  
Close by me for-ev-er and love me, I pray.

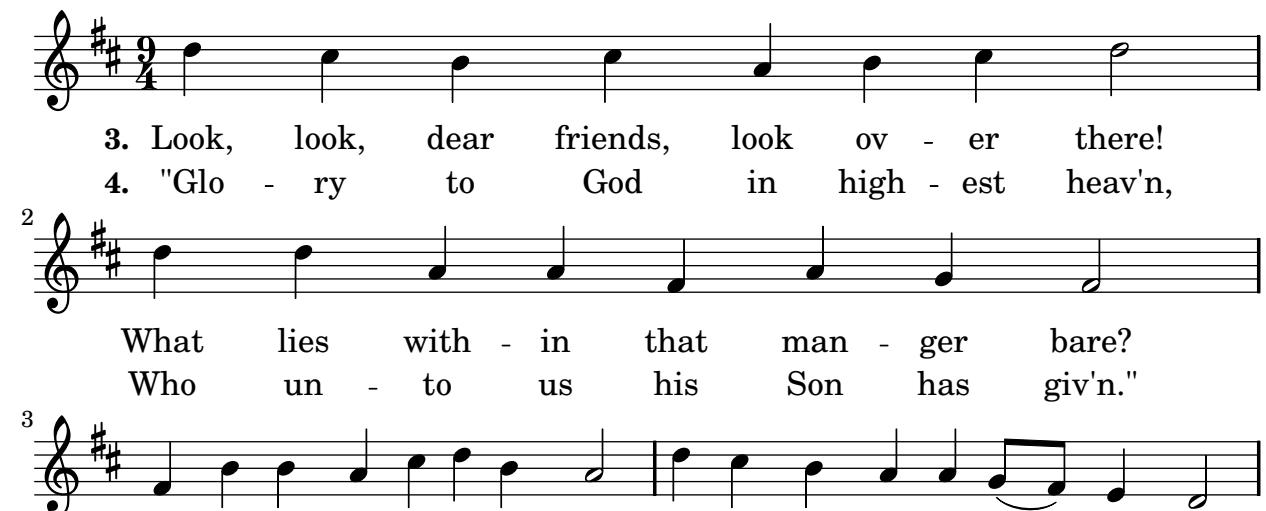
9  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
I love you Lord Je-sus; look down from the sky  
Bless all the dear child-ren with your ten-der care,

13  
The lit-tle Lord Je-sus a-sleep on the hay.  
And stay by my cra-dle till morn-ing is nigh.  
And fit us for hea-ven to live with you there.

Angels stand when Luke says: "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:"

Angels says: **"Glory to God in the Highest,  
and peace to his people on earth,"** 

An angel sings verses 1-2, then everyone joins:



3. Look, look, dear friends, look ov - er there!  
4. "Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n,  
2 What lies with - in that man - ger bare?  
Who un - to us his Son has giv'n."  
3 Who is that love-ly lit-tle one? The ba - by Je-sus, God's dear Son.  
With an-gels sing in pi-ous mirth: A glad new year to all the earth!

Martin Luther says: “Not only with the shepherds two thousand years ago,  
but here today, with you and me.”

Everyone sings verses 1 and 2, then lines up to walk out, singing verse 3:



1. Ho-ly Child with - in the man-ger, long a - go yet ev - er near;
2. Once a - gain we tell the sto - ry, how your love for us was shown,
3. Ho-ly Child with - in the man-ger, lead us ev - er in your way,



Come as friend to ev - 'ry stran-ger, come as hope for ev - 'ry fear.  
When the im - age of your glo - ry wore an im-age like our own.  
So we see in ev - 'ry stran-ger how you come to us to - day.



As you lived to heal the bro-ken, greet the out - cast, free the bound,  
Come, en-light-en with your wisdom, come and fill us with your grace.  
In our lives and in our liv-ing give us strength to live as you,



As you taught us love un-spoken, teach us now where you are found.  
May the fire of your compassion kin-dle ev - 'ry land and race.  
That our hearts might be for-giv-ing and our spir - its strong and true.